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SUBJ: PHALANGE SUPPORTS ATTACK ON SENATOR ABOURIZK

1. PHALANGE PARTY'S "LEBANESE NEWS AGENCY" REPORTED JANUARY 18 THAT LEBANESE-AMERICAN LEAGUE HAD RECENTLY SENT LETTER TO SENATOR JAMES ABOURIZK CALLING ON HIM TO "STOP HIS ATTACKS AGAINST HONORABLE LEBANESE FORCES AND HELP IN HIS CAPACITY AS U.S. SENATOR, IN CURRENT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE SHTAURA AGREEMENTS." AGENCY SAID THAT ABOURIZK "HAD ATTACKED THE LEBANESE FORCES . . . ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION." AGENCY CLAIMED THAT ABOURIZK HAD RECEIVED "THOUSANDS OF CABLES" FROM LEBANESE-AMERICANS DENOUNCING HIS "FLAGRANT BIAS IN FAVOR OF THE PALESTINIANS IN LEBANESE CRISIS." LEAGUE'S LETTER TO SENATOR, ACCORDING TO THE AGENCY, ALSO REQUESTED HIS SUPPORT IN OBTAINING U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANON.

2. STORY WAS CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT BY L'ORIENT-LE JOUR, "IKE", AND AMAL. AS SAFIR COMMENTED THAT  
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"THE PHALANGE MOBILIZES A CAMPAIGN AGAINST ABOURIZK."

3. COMMENT: CHRISTIAN RIGHTISTS HAVE LONG BEEN CRITICAL OF ABOURIZK, WHOM THEY REGARD AS MORE SYMPATHETIC TO THE PALESTINIANS THAN TO LEBANESE. PHALANGE PRESS AGENCY IS PARTICULARLY CLOSE TO BACHIR GEMAYEL. WHEN BACHIR RETURNED FROM HIS RECENT

VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, HE SPOKE OF ORGANIZING A  
"LEBANESE AGENCY" IN THE UNITED STATES MODELED ON THE  
"JESISH AGENCY" TO ACTIVELY LOBBY ON BEHALF OF  
MARONITE VIEWS IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE U.S. MEDIA.  
THIS MAY BE A FIRST ATTEMPT. BACHIR IS NOT ALONE IN HIS  
CRITICISM, HOWEVER. HE IS REFLECTING VIEWS OF  
MARONITE LEAGUE AS WELL.  
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